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SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any prescribed qualification for such workers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Minimum general educational qualification and some experience of social work."

SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider the question of encouraging a scheme for giving training to these medico-social workers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" சென்னைக்கு வெளியிலே உள்ள ஆஸ்பத்திரிகளிலும் இம்மாதிரி சமூக ஊழியர்கள் வேலைக்கு அமர்த்தப் படுவார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is not possible at present to employ medico-social workers in all hospitals. We have begun with the City hospitals as the first step."

Construction of overbridges at railway level-crossings in the City of Madras.

* 63 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government to construct overbridges at railway level-crossings in the City of Madras ;

(*b*) whether there is any financial arrangement with the Railway Board for the construction of the said overbridges ; and

(*c*) if so, at what stage the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The attention of the Member is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" With reference to the statement placed on the table of the House, may I know, Sir, how many of these overbridges are proposed to be constructed this year, and whether necessary allotment has been made for the purpose? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Possibly, Sir, the first item may be taken up. The State Government have agreed to give a loan of Rs. 4 lakhs to the Corporation of Madras to enable it to meet its share of the cost."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" With reference to the question of constructing an overbridge on the Lighthouse Road level-crossing, may I know, Sir, if the Government could not follow the same principle on which the Corporation has been given some help for the construction of four overbridges referred to in the statement? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no discrimination about it. The Reserve Bank also is interested

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in the Lighthouse Road overbridge. But the Reserve Bank has not agreed to pay its contribution and, therefore, it is not possible to take it up presently.''

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—"இந்த லைட் ஹவுஸ் ரோடு லெவல் க்ராஸிங் உள்ள இடத்தில் மேல் பாலம் கட்ட வேண்டியது அவசியமாகவும் அவசரமாகவும் இருப்பதால், எந்த விதத்திலாவது இந்த வேலையை ஆரம்பிக்க அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"The question is that those who are interested must contribute and if the parties interested do not contribute, it is not possible to give it any priority."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"If some parties are not prepared to contribute their share, is it the idea of Government to drop the construction of the overbridge in such a congested place?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"If those who are liable to make their contribution do not pay, it should not mean that the Government should pay the entire cost."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—"வேலை முக்கியமா ? பொருளாதார நிலைமைதான் முக்கியமா ?"

THE HON SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"வேலை முக்கியந்தான். ஆனால், பணம் இல்லாமல் எதுவும் செய்யமுடியாது."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"May I know, Sir, whether there is any provision in the National Five-Year Plan for helping the Corporation of Madras in the matter of such City improvements?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"All these comparatively small items should not be expected to find a place in the National Five-Year Plan."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"In view of the attitude of the Reserve Bank declining to contribute any share towards the construction of an overbridge near Lighthouse Road level-crossing where there is heavy traffic, will the State Government be pleased to address the Central Government for help in the matter?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"I do not think that the Government of India will agree to bear the entire cost?"

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—"சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்கள் அந்த லெவல் க்ராஸிங் வழியாக வருவதால் அவர்களுடைய சௌகரியத்தை முன்னிட்டாவது அந்த இடத்தில் ஒரு மேல்பாலத்தைக் கட்டுவதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்வது சர்க்காருடைய கடமையல்லவா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"There is an alternative route by which hon. members of the Legislature can come."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—"How do the Hon. Ministers feel when their cars are stopped at the level-crossing when there is heavy rush?"

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do feel wretched when I am held up for 10 or 15 minutes. But that cannot be helped, Sir."

Sanction of permanent establishment for each taluk to be in charge of election work.

* 64 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to sanction a permanent establishment for each taluk to be in charge of election work relating to Assembly, Local Boards, Groundnut Market Committee and Panchayat Boards?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is a proposal under the consideration of the Government for employing a nucleus staff on a permanent basis in the offices of the Electoral Registration Officers of the Assembly constituencies, namely, all taluk offices in the mufassal except six and the sub-taluk office, Hosdrug, for work connected with the preparation and maintenance of electoral rolls and elections to the Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies. This staff is not intended for other work. There is no proposal for the employment of staff on a permanent basis in each taluk office for election work relating to Local Boards, Panchayat Boards and Groundnut Market Committees."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" In view of the fact that regular establishment is being disturbed by pooling candidates for election work and also in view of the fact that the election rules are not being adhered to correctly by such candidates, will the Government examine the question of appointing some special staff for election work?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" For making the candidates observe the election rules, there is no use of having permanent officials. Perhaps, we should have permanent candidates."

Number of motor vehicles kept for State purposes in each of the Government Departments.

* 65 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased—

(a) to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the number of motor vehicles kept for State purposes in each of the Government Departments and the annual cost of maintenance of the same in each department; and

(b) to state how the motor vehicles belonging to the Civil Supplies Department were disposed of, consequent on the decontrol of foodstuffs?